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SUBJECT: US ENERGY ORGANIZATION

1. FIRST SECRETARY SEBASTIAO DO REGO BARROS, DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S BASIC PRODUCTS DIVISION, ASKED EMBOFF ON APRIL 14 IF THE EMBSSY COULD PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE FUNCTIONS OF USG ENERGY-RELATED AGENCIES AND OF THE INTERRELATIONSHIPS AND HIERARCHICAL PATTERN OF THE AGENCIES. BARROS EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE ROLE OF THE FEA AND ITS INTERFACE WITH ERDA. BARROS SAID THE INFORMATION WOULD ASSIST GOB PLANNING FOR MINISTER UEKI'S VISIT. (BARROS, AND ENERGY EXPERT AND BRAZIL'S CHIEF DELEGATE TO THE CIEC ENERGY COMMISSION, EXPECTS TO ACCOMPANY UEKI.)

2. IN THIS AND PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBOFF, BARROS HAS DEMONSTRATED A BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE MECHANISM OF USG ENERGY POLICYMAKING. EMBASSY THEREFORE BELIEVES A
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SHORT DESCRIPTION OF CERTAIN LESS OBVIOUS FEATURES

(E.G.,) THE EXACT DIMENSIONS OF THE FEA/ERDA INTERFERENCE,
THE ROLE OF OTHER USG ECONOMIC AGENCIES IN ENERGY POLICY-
MAKING) WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO BARROS AND OTHER GOB
OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH UEKI'S VISIT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
APPROPRIATE INFORMATION IT COULD PROVIDE TO THE FOREIGN
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